

HO-908

Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis Road  
Private

**Description:**

The Miller-Ketterman House contains a house, a garage, and a shed. The house faces northeast toward the road and is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay structure with aluminum siding on the northeast elevation and the second story of the southeast and northwest elevations, with rusticated concrete block on the first story of the southeast and northwest elevations. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a shed-roof addition northwest of the ell, and it has rock-faced concrete block and asphalt-shingle roofing. There is also a small shed-roofed addition southeast of the ell, constructed of CMUs. There is a brick chimney where the main block and the ell meet. On the northeast elevation, the first story has a center doorway. The first story has a three-bay porch with a half-hip roof. The interior has two rooms in the front, one in the ell, and one in each addition. The second story has a passage along the southwest wall, with a chamber to the northeast and another to the southeast. The garage is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay structure of rusticated concrete block with a gable roof that has inverted-V-seam metal and a northeast-southwest ridge.

**Significance:**

The Miller-Ketterman House was built as part of the Columbia Woodlands subdivision. The land had originally been part of Caleb Dorsey of Caleb's "Dorsey Hall" farm in 1933. The Halloway Company purchased the Miller tract and subdivided it, recording a plat that was dated June 1933. Large and small lots were created in the triangle formed by the intersection of Columbia Pike (Clarksville Pike) and the Old Annapolis Road, overlooking the Allview Golf Course. The small lots, facing onto Columbia Pike, started at \$69, "small farms" began at \$149, and "large woodland tracts" went from \$199 and up. The latter were apparently located to the west, along the Little Patuxent River. Lots were first offered for sale in June 1934, and the tax records claim the house was built in 1936. The property was purchased by David and Lula Miller in 1938, so it is possible that The Halloway Company built the house, though the source of the tax record dates is not known. The house stands out in Columbia Woodlands for being a full two stories, while the others that survive are generally 1-1/2 stories. Lula Miller died in 1942, David remarried shortly later, and he and his new wife sold the house in 1944 to Otis and Geneva Ketterman. Geneva Ketterman sold the house in 2004 to a developer who plans to demolish it and a number of other adjacent houses in 2006.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-908

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Miller-Ketterman House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 9549 Old Annapolis Road not for publication

city, town Columbia vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dorsey Crossing LLC

street and number PO Box 417 telephone 410-465-4244

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21041-0417

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 30-65

city, town Ellicott City liber 8647 folio 410

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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| — excellent | — deteriorated |
| — good      | — ruins        |
| X fair      | — altered      |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Miller-Ketterman House is located at 9549 Old Annapolis Road in Columbia, in central Howard County, Maryland. The property contains a house, a garage, and a shed. The house faces northeast toward the road and is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay structure with aluminum siding on the northeast elevation and the second story of the southeast and northwest elevations, with rusticated concrete block on the first story of the southeast and northwest elevations. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a shed-roof addition northwest of the ell, and it has rock-faced concrete block and asphalt-shingle roofing. There is also a small shed-roofed addition southeast of the ell, constructed of CMUs. There is a brick chimney where the main block and the ell meet.

On the northeast elevation, the first story has a center doorway with one light over two panels, and has a one-over-one sash to each side. There is rusticated concrete block beneath the aluminum siding here. The first story has a three-bay porch with a half-hip roof. It has a concrete deck, rusticated concrete block piers that support battered boxed posts, and railings that have square balusters with crossed balusters in the center of each section forming an X inside a box. The second story has a one-over-one sash in each bay and no opening in the center. The northwest elevation has a one-light sash in the foundation. Both the first and second stories have a single one-over-one sash, and there is a small vent in the gable end. The addition has a door with one light over three lying panels, set to the north, and a one-over-one sash set to the west. The southwest elevation of the northwest addition has a one-over-one sash with infill in the opening. The ell has a similar window with infill, and has a boarded-up opening in the gable end. The southeast addition also has a one-over-one sash and infill. The second story of the main block has a one-over-one sash in the west and south bays. The southeast elevation of the addition has a large six-over-six sash to the south, and a door with three lights over three lying panels to the east. The southeast elevation of the main block has a one-over-one sash on both the first and second stories and a four-light sash in the gable end.

The interior has two rooms in the front, one in the ell, and one in each addition. The northwest room has 2 1/2-inch-wide pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast. The baseboard has an ogee on top of some of it, but some of the walls have been fired out and covered with drywall. The southeast wall has a wide opening. The front door is hung on butt hinges with ball finials. There is a two-run dogleg stair in the west corner of the room. It has oak treads, one large square baluster per tread, and a turned newel post. The stairway to the cellar is set beneath this stairway, and has a two-panel door with a cast-iron rim lock that has porcelain knobs, and butt hinges with ball finials. This room has plain mitered trim. The ell contains a kitchen with all new fixtures. The northwest addition has a modern bathroom. The southeast room flooring, baseboard, and trim match the northwest room, and there are no other significant details.

The second story has a passage along the southwest wall, with a chamber to the northeast and another to the southeast. The flooring throughout is 3 1/4-inch pine that runs northwest-southeast. The southwest wall of the passage and the northeast wall of the chambers have a boxed-in plate or beam. All of the doors have two panels and cast-iron rim locks with porcelain knobs. The door architrave has an ogee on the edge, and is mitered at the corners. There is modern architrave on the outer walls, because these walls have been fired out and dry-walled. There is a setback in the walls from the first to the second story, because the second story walls are hollow framing. There is no access to the attic.

About 40 feet northwest of the house is a garage. It is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay structure of rusticated concrete block with a gable roof that has inverted-V-seam metal and a northeast-southwest ridge. The northeast elevation has a six-light steel sash, and the gable end has brick-pattern asphalt shingles and a door with vertical boards. The southeast elevation has CMUs with a window opening in the center and a large opening on each side. The east side has a rollup door, while the south side has a plywood door hung on T hinges. The southwest elevation also has a six-light steel sash, and there is German siding and a window opening in the gable end. The northwest elevation has three six-over-six double-hung sash that are boarded up and have brick sills. There are no significant interior details.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

**Construction dates** c. 1936-38

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Miller-Ketterman House was built as part of the Columbia Woodlands subdivision. The land had originally been part of Caleb Dorsey of Caleb's "Dorsey Hall" farm, and 107 acres were purchased by Junie Miller in 1924 for \$6,000. Miller was foreclosed upon and his property offered for sale in 1933. At that time it was described as having "improvements thereon consisting of two (2) bungalows, barn, and other buildings. This is an ideal tract of land for sub-division." The Halloway Company purchased the Miller tract and subdivided it, recording a plat that was dated June 1933. Large and small lots were created in the triangle formed by the intersection of Columbia Pike (Clarksville Pike) and the Old Annapolis Road, overlooking the Allview Golf Course. The small lots, facing onto Columbia Pike, started at \$69, "small farms" began at \$149, and "large woodland tracts" went from \$199 and up. The latter were apparently located to the west, along the Little Patuxent River. The small farms faced on Old Annapolis Road, and according to The Halloway Company's sales pitch, were "for the man who seeks an easy way to save money by raising his own fruit and vegetables," as well as chickens for your own table. The focus of the advertising was probably a direct reflection of the economic conditions resulting from the Great Depression. (1)

Lots were first offered for sale in June 1934, and the tax records claim the house was built in 1936. The property was purchased by David and Lula Miller in 1938, so it is possible that The Halloway Company built the house, though the source of the tax record dates is not known. It is not known whether Miller was related to the previous owner, Junie Miller. The house stands out in Columbia Woodlands for being a full two stories, while the others that survive are generally 1-1/2 stories. It has rusticated concrete block on the first story, making it the only masonry house in the neighborhood. However, like all of the other houses, it fits within the tradition of suburban dwellings from the second quarter of the twentieth century, based wholly on national trends. At the same time, the use of a hall/parlor plan, with a stairway in one of the two front rooms, was a traditional building plan type for Howard County, and may have recommended it to the builders. (2).

Lula Miller died in 1942, David remarried shortly later, and he and his new wife sold the house in 1944 to Otis and Geneva Ketterman. Geneva Ketterman sold the house in 2004 to a developer who plans to demolish it and a number of other adjacent houses in 2006. (3)

Notes:

(1). Howard County Land Records, 120-392. Ellicott City (Maryland) Times, 2 March 1933, p. 7, col. 4. Ellicott City (Maryland) Times, 20 June 1935, p. 8. For more on "Columbia Woodlands", see HO-910, Norman and Edith Choyce House.

(2). Howard County Land Records, BM, Jr. 161-464.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.552 acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.552 acres

Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries follow the existing property boundaries.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 10/18/2006

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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About 12 feet southwest of the garage is a shed that is collapsing. It is a one-story, frame structure with vertical boards and some brick-pattern asphalt shingles. It has a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal with a northwest-southeast ridge. The building is constructed of circular-sawn 2 by 4s and 4 by 4s with 2 by 6 rafters. There is a wood floor that runs northwest-southeast and is set on wood joists that run northeast-southwest. The southeast elevation had a door to the south and has a board-and-batten door to the east. The southwest elevation has what appears to be a window opening. There is a shed roof addition on the northeast. This addition had a door on the southeast side. The northwest elevation has a window opening to the north.

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(3). Howard County Land Records, BM, Jr. 180-318, MDR 8647-410.



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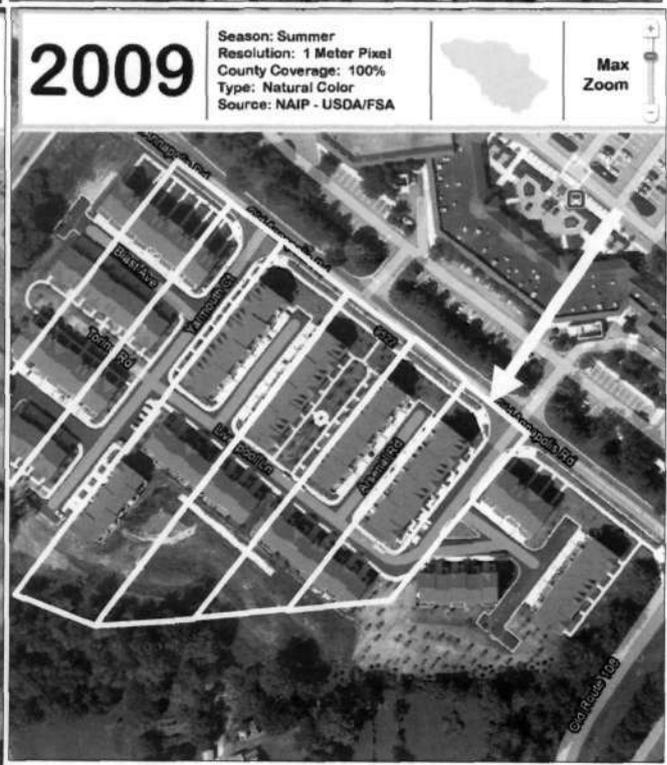
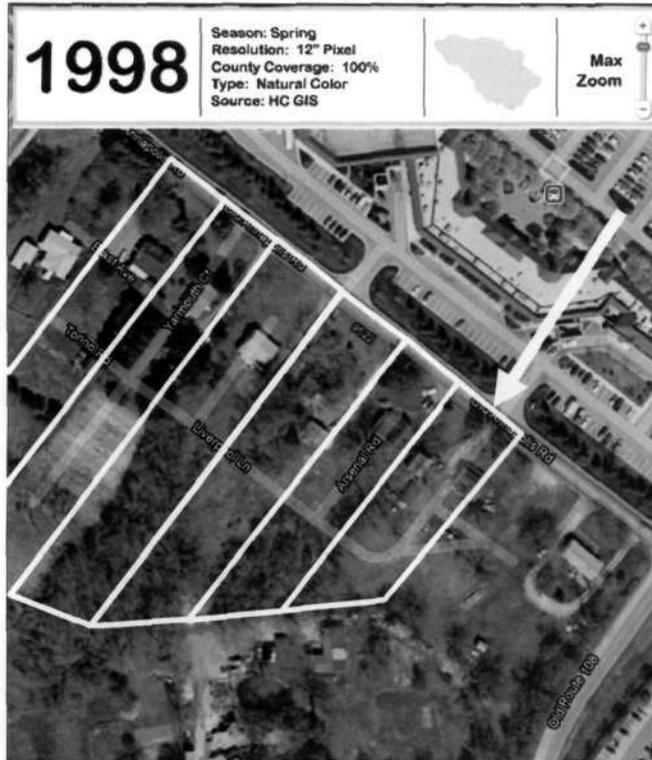
Miller-Ketterman House, site

9549 Old Annapolis Road

Howard County GIS

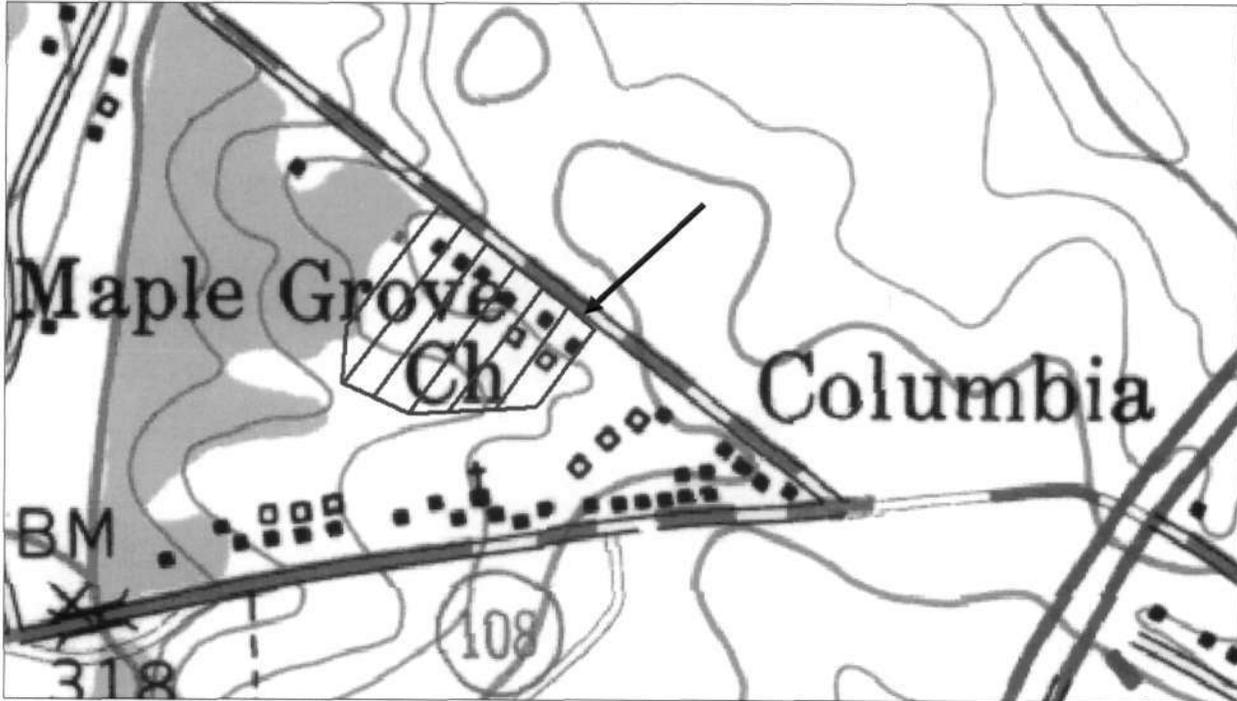
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Demolished c. 2006

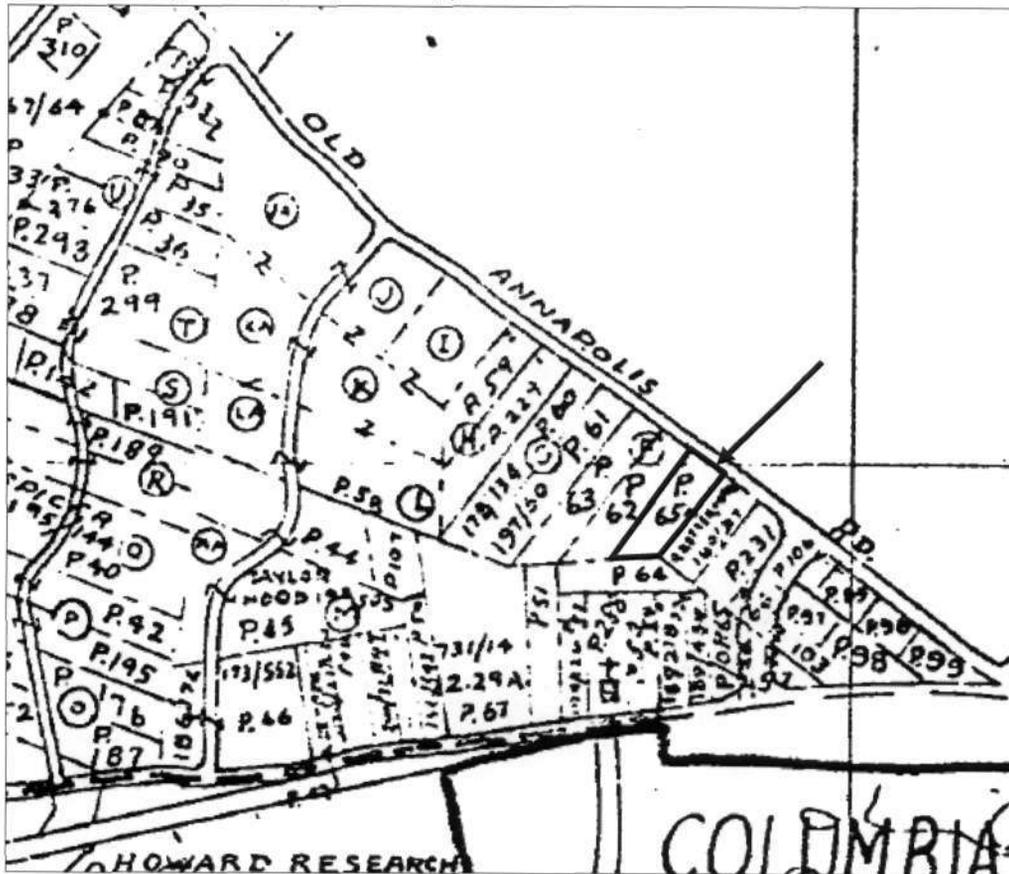


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Miller-Ketterman House, site  
9549 Old Annapolis Road  
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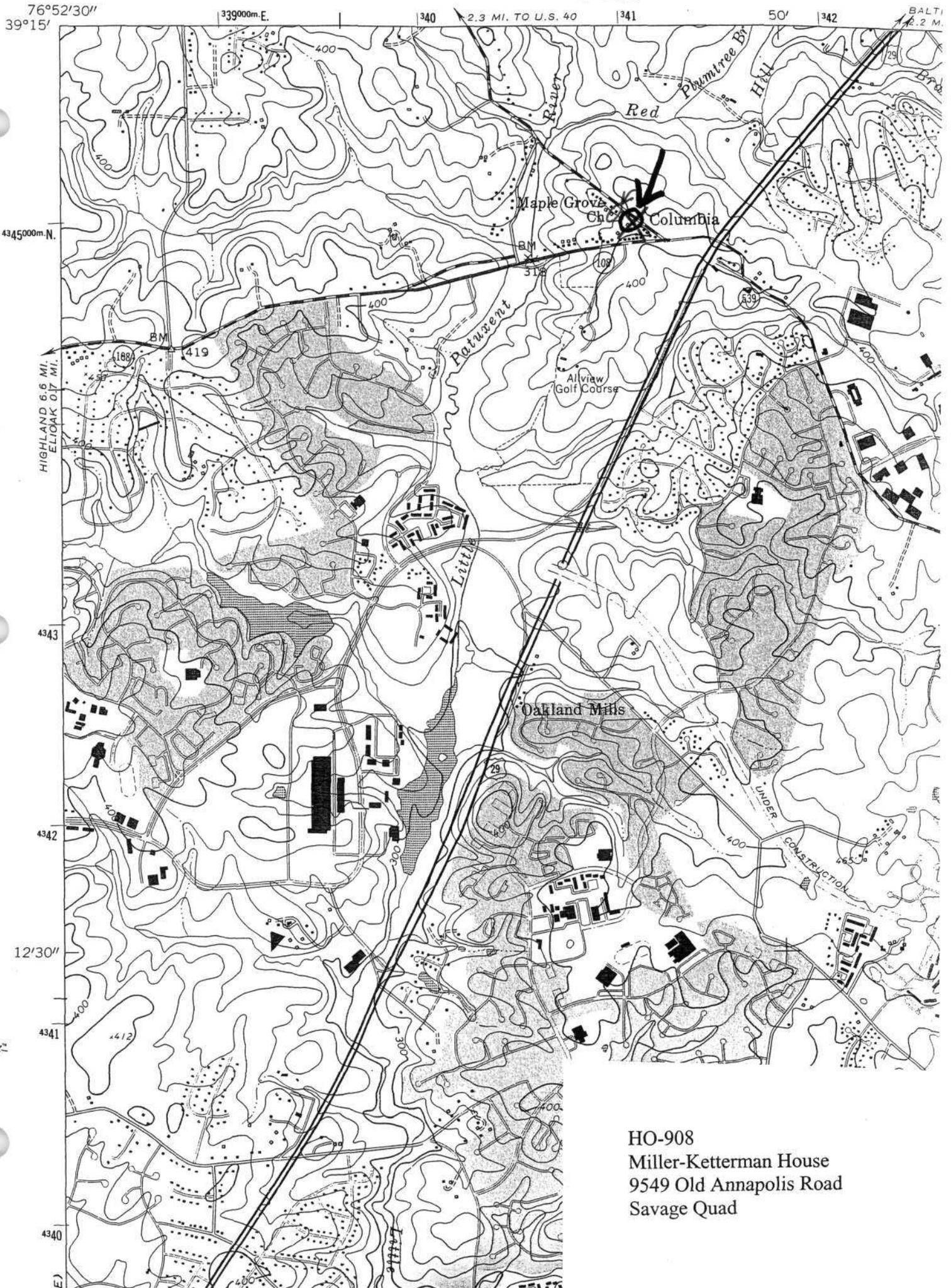
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Howard County Tax Map 30, c. 1977, parcel 65



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 Miller-Ketterman House  
 9549 Old Annapolis Road  
 Savage Quad

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Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
House-northeast  
elevation  
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Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
House-northwest room,  
view west  
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Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
House-northeast &  
northwest elevations  
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HO-0908\_20060531\_06  
Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
Garage-southeast &  
northeast elevations  
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HO-0908\_20060531\_03  
Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
House-southwest  
elevation  
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Miller-Ketterman House  
9549 Old Annapolis  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
Shed-southeast elevation  
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Road  
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House- southeast  
elevation  
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Southeast elevation

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